

HOUSE BILL 7008

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to teacher pay.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Subject to appropriation, each LEA shall receive a four percent (4%) increase in the LEA's instructional salary components prior to the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The state shall provide LEAs with one hundred percent (100%) of the increased funding. A local match shall not be required of the LEA during the 2020-2021 fiscal year for the LEA's receipt of the four percent (4%) increase to the LEA's instructional salary components. LEAs shall expend the increased funding solely to increase teachers' salaries during the 2020-2021 school year. The increase in teachers' salaries applies to the entire school year. LEAs shall award back pay to teachers for days taught in the 2020-2021 school year prior to the increase in pay.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-306, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

An LEA shall not reduce a teacher's salary from one (1) school year to the next, except in the case of a reduction in the teacher's duties.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.